

# The Holy Spirit Comes and the Church is Born

## Acts 2:1–41

### The Fulfillment of the Promise (1–13)

- Followers' Experience (1–4)
  - Day of Pentecost: Brief explanation of Pentecost (1)
    - Passover: Lamb (Crucifixion)
    - First Fruits (Spring) to honor God with that which comes out of the ground after the “dead” of winter. (April 20–21) (Resurrection)
    - Pentecost (Greek) Feast of Weeks would take place a week of weeks not counting the first day so (50) (June 8–9) (Holy Spirit)
    - **Leviticus 23:15–22**
  - All together in one place (1)
    - Important theme in the book of Acts (One accord)
  - Came from heaven (2)
    - Sound like a mighty rushing wind (2)
      - Filled the entire house (2)
    - Divided tongues as of fire (3)
      - Appeared to them (3)
      - Rested on each one of them (3)
    - They were filled with the Holy Spirit (4)
      - And began to speak in other tongues (4) *glossa*
      - As the Spirit gave them utterance (4)
    - Holy Spirit has come
      - Dwell in the people, not just come upon them
      - Permanent, not temporary

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- Observers' Experience (5–13)
  - Devout Jews from every nation under heaven had come for the celebration of Pentecost Festival (5)
  - The sound was audible to all and a crowd gathered, and they heard in their own languages “the mighty works of God” (6–12)
    - “In his own language” *dialektos* (6)
    - “Bewildered”, “Amazed and astonished” / “amazed and perplexed” (6, 7, 12)
      - This was not just the ordinary
      - When is the last time you were amazed and astonished at what God had done? (Should happen regularly)
  - There will always be scoffers, skeptics, and naysayers when God is moving (13) “Others mocking said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’”

### The gospel preached by Peter (14–36)

- Peter stands as a spokesperson once again (1:15) (14)
- Defense against drunkenness (15) (9 am)
- Illustration of Scripture (16–21)
  - **Joel 2:28–32**
    - Last days
      - Pour out my Spirit on **all flesh** (beyond Jews)
        - Prophecy
        - Visions
        - Dreams
      - Salvation for those who call on the **name** of the Lord

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### Presenting of Evidence

- The Gospel (22–24)
  - Jesus “man attested to you by God with **mighty works** and **wonders** and **signs** . . . this Jesus (Evidence)
    - Delivered up according to the **definite plan** and foreknowledge of God
      - Crucified/Buried
      - God raised him up,
        - Loosing pangs of death
        - Not possible for him to be held by it
- **Fulfillment of Scripture** (25 –28) (Evidence)
  - **Psalm 16:8–11** Will not let the Holy One (Jesus) see corruption (27)
- Explanation of Scripture & Gospel (29–33)
  - David, dead and still buried in the tomb (not yet resurrected) (29)
  - Prophet, knowing God would fulfill his promise to David to set one of his descendants on eternal throne (30)
    - **2 Samuel 7:16**<sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”
  - Foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of Christ (31)
  - Peter and the church are **witnesses** to the resurrection (32) (Evidence)
  - Now they are **witnesses** of the receiving and power of the Holy Spirit (33) (Evidence)
- Invitation (34–36)

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- Jesus uses this exact text to describe himself in **Matthew 22:41–46**
- Let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus, whom you crucified. “(36)

**The overwhelming response (37–41)**

- They were cut to the heart and asked, “What shall we do?” (37)
- Repent (38)
  - Be baptized (obedience/testimony) (38)
  - Forgiveness of sins (38)
  - Receive the Holy Spirit (38)
- Message available to all “whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” (39)
- “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” (40)
- Powerful results (41) “there were added that day about 3,000 souls.”